

least number of plants which will result in the remaining supply plants meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section. If such termination becomes necessary, the handler shall be permitted to designate which plants shall continue to have pool plant status for the month.

(v) For the purposes of this paragraph, any supply plant operated by a cooperative association that is also a handler under § 1001.9(d) may be considered as one of a group of plants. In that event, the group's total receipts of milk from dairy farmers' farms shall be the total of such receipts by the association other than at any of its plants that is not one of the group, and the group's qualifying shipments shall consist of the qualifying shipments from the plants in the group plus the quantity of milk moved by the association in its capacity as a handler under § 1001.9(d) from farms of its members to pool distributing plants.

(3) For any month of January through July, it is a plant from which at least 15 percent of its total receipts of milk from dairy farmers' farms is shipped as fluid milk products, other than as diverted milk, to pool distributing plants or it is a plant that meets the requirements for automatic pool plant status specified in this paragraph. The automatic pool plant status of a plant shall be revoked for any month for which the market administrator has received the handler's written request for revocation on or before the 16th day of that month. In that event, the plant shall not have automatic pool plant status in any subsequent month of the current January through July period.

(i) The plant was a pool supply plant under this order in each of the preceding months of August through December; or

(ii) The plant was a pool supply plant under this order in at least two of the preceding months of August through December and would have been such a plant in all other months in that period had it not been a pool plant under the New York-New Jersey Federal order.

(4) No plant shall be a pool supply plant in any month in which it is operated as:

(i) A pool distributing plant; or
(ii) A regulated plant under another Federal order if its Class I disposition of fluid milk products, except filled milk, in the marketing area regulated by that order exceeds its shipments of fluid milk products, except filled milk, to pool distributing plants under this order.

(c) Each plant, other than a plant operated as a pool distributing plant or a pool supply plant, that is located in the marketing area and operated by a cooperative association shall be a pool plant in any month in which its route disposition does not exceed 2 percent of its total receipts of fluid milk products. Receipts and disposition of filled milk shall be excluded in determining whether a plant has met these conditions.

(d) The term "pool plant" shall not apply to the following plants:

(1) An exempt distributing plant under § 1001.8(e);

(2) The plant of a producer-handler under any Federal order;

(3) A plant designated as a regular pool plant under the New York-New Jersey Federal order; or

(4) Any plant for which the market administrator determines that a specified proportion or quantity of the receipts from dairy farmers and of milk from other sources handled at a plant is not available for Class I use because there is in force an unconditional contract for the plant to supply fluid milk products for Class II or Class III use, the plant shall not be a pool plant for the month in which the market administrator notifies the handler of the determination and for any subsequent month in which the contract is in force for any part of the month.

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§ 1001.8 Nonpool plant.

Nonpool plant means a plant (except a pool plant) which receives milk from dairy farmers or is a milk or filled milk manufacturing, processing or bottling plant. The following categories of nonpool plants are further defined as follows:

(a) *Other order plant* means a pool plant under another Federal order or any other plant at which all fluid milk products handled become subject to the

classification and pricing provisions of another Federal order.

(b) *Producer-handler plant* means a plant operated by a producer-handler as defined in any order (including this part) issued pursuant to the Act.

(c) *Partially regulated distributing plant* means a nonpool plant that is not a regulated plant under another Federal order, a producer-handler plant, or an exempt distributing plant, and from which there is route disposition in the marketing area during the month.

(d) *Unregulated supply plant* means a nonpool plant that is not an other order plant, a producer-handler plant, or an exempt distributing plant from which fluid milk products are shipped during the month to a pool plant.

(e) *Exempt distributing plant* means:

(1) A plant, other than a pool supply plant or a regulated plant under another Federal order, that meets all the requirements for status as a pool distributing plant, except that its route disposition (exclusive of filled milk) in the marketing area in the month does not exceed 700 quarts on any day or a daily average of 300 quarts.

(2) A plant that is operated by a governmental agency and from which there is route disposition in the marketing area.

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§ 1001.9 Handler.

Handler means:

(a) Any person who operates a pool plant;

(b) Any person who operates any other plant, or a pool bulk tank unit as defined under another Federal order, from which fluid milk products are disposed of, directly or indirectly, in the marketing area;

(c) Any person who does not operate a plant but who engages in the business of receiving fluid milk products for resale and distributes to retail or wholesale outlets packaged fluid milk products received from any plant described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section; or

(d) Any cooperative association with respect to the milk that is moved from farms in tank trucks operated by, or under contract to, the association to pool plants or as diverted milk to nonpool plants for the account of, and

at the direction of, the association. The association shall be considered as the handler who received the milk from the dairy farmers. However, the cooperative association shall not be the handler with respect to the milk moved from any farm if the association and the operator of the pool plant to which milk from such farm is moved both submit a request in writing, on or before the due date for filing the monthly reports of receipts and utilization, that the operator of the pool plant be considered as the handler who received the milk from the dairy farmer, and the pool plant operator's request states that the pool plant operator is purchasing the milk from such farm on the basis of the farm bulk tank measurement readings and the butterfat tests of samples of the milk taken from the farm bulk tank.

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§ 1001.10 Producer-handler.

Producer-handler means any person who, during the month, is both a dairy farmer and a handler and who meets all of the following conditions:

(a) Provides as the person's own enterprise and at the person's own risk the maintenance, care, and management of the dairy herd and other resources and facilities that are used to produce milk, to process and package such milk at the producer-handler's own plant, and to distribute it as route disposition.

(b) The person's own route disposition constitutes the majority of the route disposition from the plant.

(c) The quantity of route disposition in the marketing area from the person's plant is greater than in any other Federal marketing area.

(d) The producer-handler receives no fluid milk products except from such handler's own production and from pool handlers, either by transfer or diversion pursuant to § 1001.15. If the producer-handler's receipts from own production and the total route disposition from the producer-handler's plant each exceed 4,300 pounds per day for the month, the producer-handler's receipts from pool plants are not in excess of 2